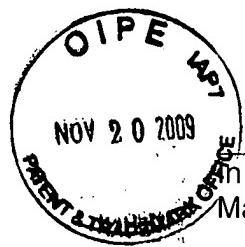


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Dear Sir/Madam:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, Applicant(s) hereby make of record the following additional documents. A PTO Form SB/08 and a full copy of each of the documents required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) accompany this statement.

Applicant(s) have become aware of the following documents, cited in a Japanese Office Action mailed on October 6, 2009, during the prosecution of Japanese Application No. 2004/543162, and in a European Opposition related to European Patent No. EP1563091, both of which are related to the above referenced application, and in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c) and (e)(1) or (b)(3), hereby submit(s) these documents for the Examiner's consideration. These documents are cited on the enclosed PTO Form SB/08, a copy of the Japanese Office Action (English Translation provided) and the European Opposition, and of each document required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) cited thereon are enclosed as well. Applicants have also provided herewith English

abstracts for Japanese publications 05-268963 and 2001-204462 and an English abstract for DE 19856064 (related to JP 2002-531126).

This statement is not to be interpreted as a representation that the cited documents are material, that an exhaustive search has been conducted, or that no other relevant information exists. Nor shall the citation of any document herein be construed *per se* as a representation that such document is prior art. Moreover, Applicant(s) understand(s) the Examiner will make an independent evaluation of the cited documents.

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Furthermore, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.704(d), Applicant(s) note(s) that to our knowledge this communication was not received by any individual designated in 1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this statement.

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